

**Andrew Jackson to Thomas Pinckney, April 17, 1814,
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TO THOMAS PINCKNEY.1

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Tuskegee, 2 April 17, 1814.

2 Tuskegee was at the junction of the Coosa and Tallapoosa.

Your letter of yesterday was received today at [*blank*] Oclk P.M.

After having marched my army through great difficulties to the Tallapoosa I cannot but regret that the enemy were suffered to escape across that river, when they could have been so easily prevented by the army on the other side. That no attempt was made to do so, by that army I am quite astonished at—especially when they were so well apprised of my movements, and were near enough to have known all those of the enemy. The evil however is, I hope, not irremediable. We may still be able to overtake them, when they have fled far enough to imagine themselves out of danger.

The enemy has fled from this place also, before I reached it. The last of them crossed the Coosa on yesterday; and I learn from a negro woman whom we found here, that they are gone to a place called the ring, six or eight miles west of this place. I should have immediately detached a thousand men in pursuit, but for the following circumstance. Fourteen of the Hickory ground Indians came to me at Camp Milton on the night of the 15th. to supplicate peace for themselves and their tribe. Twelve of them were retained and are now with me: the other two were sent back to their town—the one to remove their

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women and children to a point designated in the country above for their future settlement by Chenubby, where they will commence preparations for a crop—the other to join me at this point today with Fooshatchee meecho, their warriors, negroes, and the prisoners taken at Ft Mimms. It appears that this [*blank*] was one of those who crossed the river at this place on yesterday; and it may be that he is gone after the others who went away in his absence, and that in execution of his undertaking he will bring them back, and deliver them this evening. I therefore think it proper to wait a short time to ascertain this fact; but my intention still is to throw a detachment across the river tonight, if he shall not in the meantime return, so as to attack them in the morning.

Having brought my army to this point where there is a good prospect I trust, of getting regular supplies, and from which I can to better advantage make excursions against the scattered forces of the enemy than I should be able to do at Tuckabatchee, I presume it will not be required or expected that I should march it back to that point, especially as my men are at this time considerably fatigued, and my horses entirely worn down. For the purpose however of arranging with you, what may remain to be done during the Campaign I shall be happy in waiting upon you at any time and place you may please to designate.